

Again, congratulations for your selection as the recipient of the 2001 National Agri-Marketing Association's Best of Show.

Sincerely,

CHARLES E. GRASSLEY.●

KRESSE INDUCTED INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, for the past 22 years, men's basketball at the College of Charleston has been charmed by the unique powers of head coach John Kresse. Last week, the native New Yorker earned a berth in Palmetto sports history when he was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame. Coach Kresse's remarkable statistics speak for themselves. He has compiled a 539-134 record with the Cougars for an .801 winning percentage that trails only Jerry Tarkanian and Roy Williams among active coaches. With a December 1999 victory over Tennessee Tech, he also became the second fastest coach in NCAA history to record 500 wins. That same year, the College of Charleston became the only team in Southern Conference history to post a 19-0 season. Under his leadership, the Cougars have earned four NCAA and two NIT tournament bids and have won 22 or more games in 17 of the last 21 seasons.

Coach Kresse arrived in Charleston in 1979 after successful stints as assistant coach under Lou Carnesecca at his alma mater, St. John's, and the New York Nets of the American Basketball Association. Over the next two decades, he groomed Charleston's modest basketball program to become a nationally-recognized competitor and source of tremendous state pride. "I'm not a showy guy," Kresse told The Post and Courier newspaper about his transformation from city slicker to Southern sports hero. "I'm a basic meat and potatoes guy who fell in love with this city, this State and the hospitality." The home arena now bears Coach Kresse's name, but fans bear his testimony every time they cheer a Cougar squad to victory. I can't think of anyone who deserves to be a Hall of Famer more than John Kresse. ●

S.C. TENNIS COACH CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, Wilton "Skinny" McKinney first swung a tennis racket in 1930 while giving his Greer neighborhood's new red clay court a try. He and his buddies scrounged up one ball and a rule book and, before you know it, Skinny had caught the tennis bug.

Skinny served as captain of his Greenville High and University of South Carolina tennis teams, and then served his country for three years in the Pacific fleet during World War II. Although he went on to capture the South Carolina doubles championship five times, Skinny found his true talent when he began coaching at his high school alma mater in 1948. For 25 years,

he worked as an accountant by day and volunteer coach in the evening, leading Greenville High to an unprecedented 16 State titles. He continues to give weekly lessons in Greenville. Many of his former students have won athletic scholarships, including a handful of All-Americans, and two became world-class players.

Skinny's success has earned him numerous accolades, including the Order of the Palmetto and Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow award, as well as elections to the Southern Tennis Hall of Fame and the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame. For many years, he was also chair umpire at the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament on Hilton Head. The center tennis court at the Greenville Country Club, where he is a former director of tennis programs, bears his name, as does an annual award presented by The South Carolina Tennis Association. Yet most of his students would argue his greatest asset is an inspired coaching style that tempers hard work with a caring attitude. Last week, friends and students paid tribute to the 60-year coaching veteran with a surprise 80th birthday party.

"Skinny" McKinney is a credit to the sport of tennis, to South Carolina and the nation. Peatsy and I wish him a happy belated birthday and best wishes out on the court.●

TRIBUTE TO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN HOME ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the Southern Christian Home of Morrilton, Arkansas, to countless citizens and families of Arkansas. On Saturday, May 5, 2001, the Southern Christian Home celebrates its 75th Anniversary.

Established in 1926 in Fort Smith, AR, the Southern Christian Home, SCH, relocated to Morrilton, AR, in 1936. Their mission during the past 75 years has been to glorify God by providing services that meet the physical, moral, mental, social, and spiritual needs of children based on Biblical truths and principles. The SCH provides care to children ages 6 to 17 years old. Since the SCH's inception there have been an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 children who have received care through the SCH's service offerings.

The Southern Christian Home's commitment to children is far reaching. While the SCH's primary focus has been Arkansas children, it has also provided services to children from Albania, China, and Brazil. Additionally, the SCH operates a children's home in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

As I have said on many occasions in the Senate, there is no greater national resource than our children. We, as a society, must continually reaffirm our commitment to ensure that all children live healthy, enriching, and promising lives. The work of the Southern

Christian Home is a shining example of this ideal.

On behalf of Arkansans and the Senate, I take this opportunity to wish Southern Christian Home a happy 75th Anniversary. I hope for them every success for the coming 75 years.●

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE WOMEN WEEK

● Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I would like to bring to the Senate's attention that a few weeks from now will be National Association of Insurance Women week.

Professional insurance women constitute over 50 percent of those employed in our Nation's insurance industry. For that reason, the National Association of Insurance Women and its 400 local affiliates are dedicated to the development of leaders for the insurance industry.

NAIW and its affiliates promote personal and professional development through education, networking and leadership opportunities to all women in the insurance business. Both national and local organizations continually strive to raise the standards of ethics, consumer education and customer service throughout the insurance industry.

NAIW local affiliates are engaged in charitable causes to strengthen and enhance hundreds of communities throughout the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Professional insurance women have earned recognition for their many accomplishments in the economically vital insurance industry.

It is important that we celebrate and honor the women who are performing such important and diverse roles throughout the risk and insurance industry.●

HONORING DETROIT POLICE OFFICERS

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to honor members, past and present, of the Detroit Police Department.

Detroit is my home town and as a citizen of Detroit, I owe much to our men and women in uniform. Each day, the members of the Detroit Police Department put their lives on the line to act as guardians of peace and protect the people of our great city.

On May 11, 2001, at the Twenty-Eighth Annual Detroit Police Department's Interfaith Memorial Service, we will recognize our distinguished law enforcement and honor the memory of officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. These officers have made the ultimate sacrifice for our safety and we are forever indebted to them and their families.

I am sure all of my colleagues will join me in honoring the fallen law enforcement officers of the Detroit Police Department and commemorate their